

## Course Content and Grading Policy

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  - Reading Material (PPT, Notes and Reference Material)
  - Study Questions
  - Quizzes (Nine as per schedule): 20 % Weightage
  - Mid Semester Examination: 30 % Weightage
  - End Semester Examination: 50 % Weightage

## Course Material

- [www.iitk.ac.in/eem/eem603](http://www.iitk.ac.in/eem/eem603)
  - Visit regularly for
    - Announcements
    - Quiz/Exam schedules
    - Lecture presentations
    - Course notes
    - Reference materials

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"Success is the ability to go from one failure to another with no loss of enthusiasm"

-Sir Winston Churchill

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### Emergence of Environmental Science/Engineering/Management Discipline

- **Public Health Engineering**
  - Water Supply → Civil Engineering
- **Sanitary Engineering**
  - Water Supply and Sanitation → Civil Engineering
- **Environmental Engineering and Management**
  - Inter Disciplinary → Infra-structural Engineering

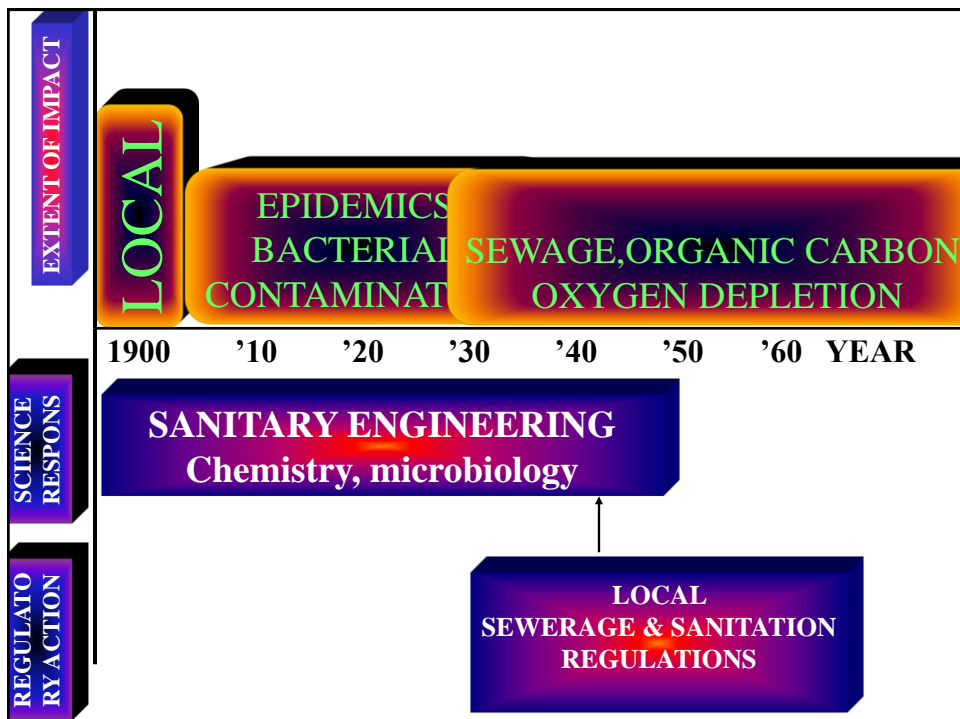
## Explosion of Environmental Issues

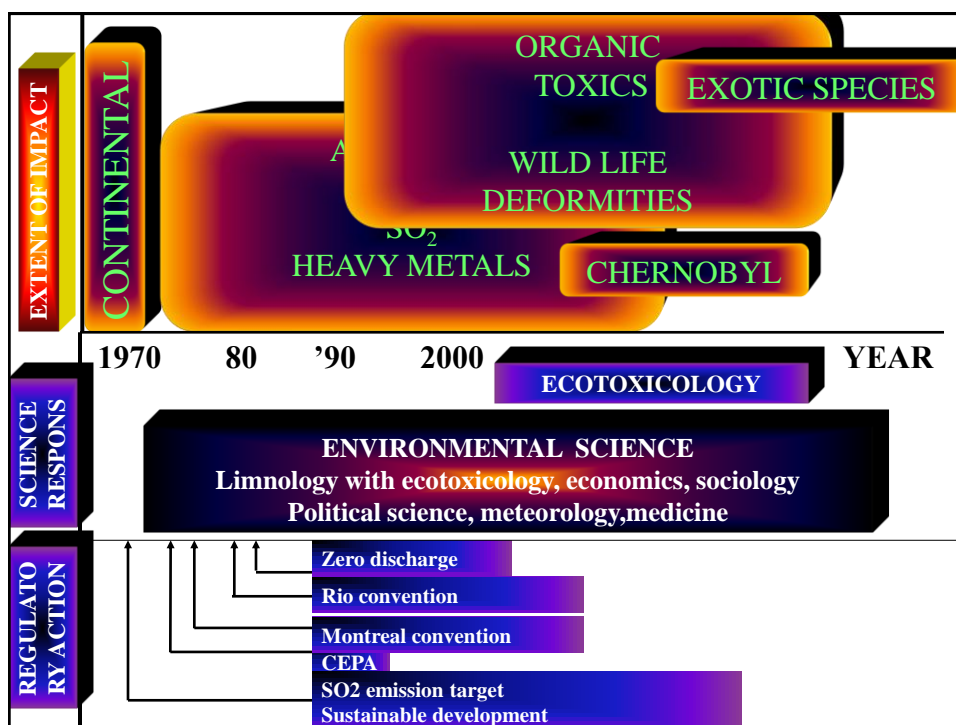
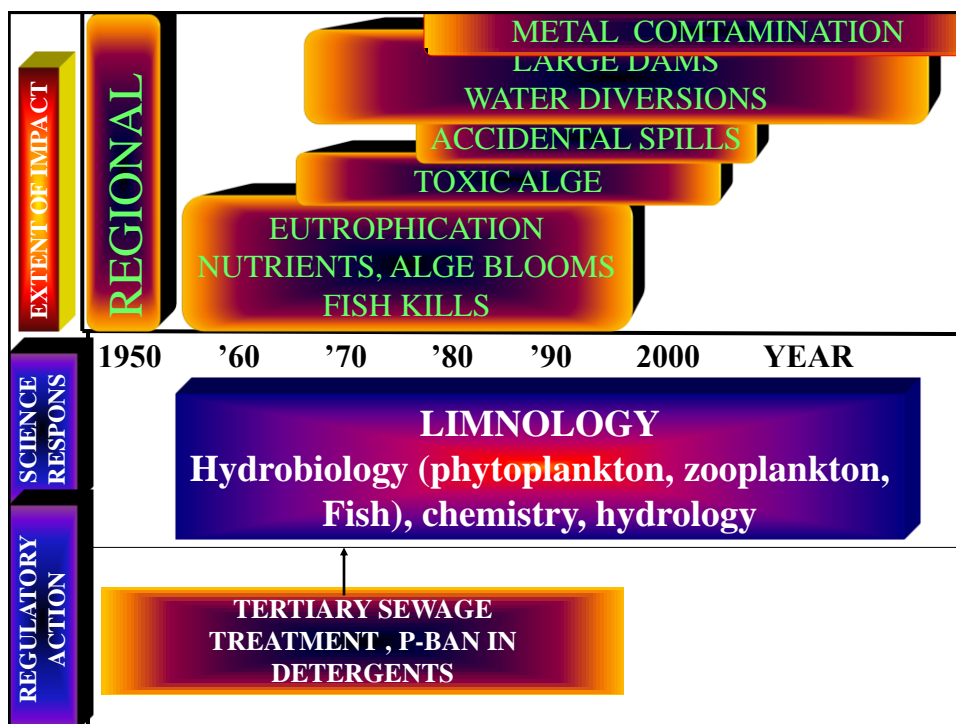
- From Few to Many, From Local to Global
- Science Response
- Response of Regulatory Agencies

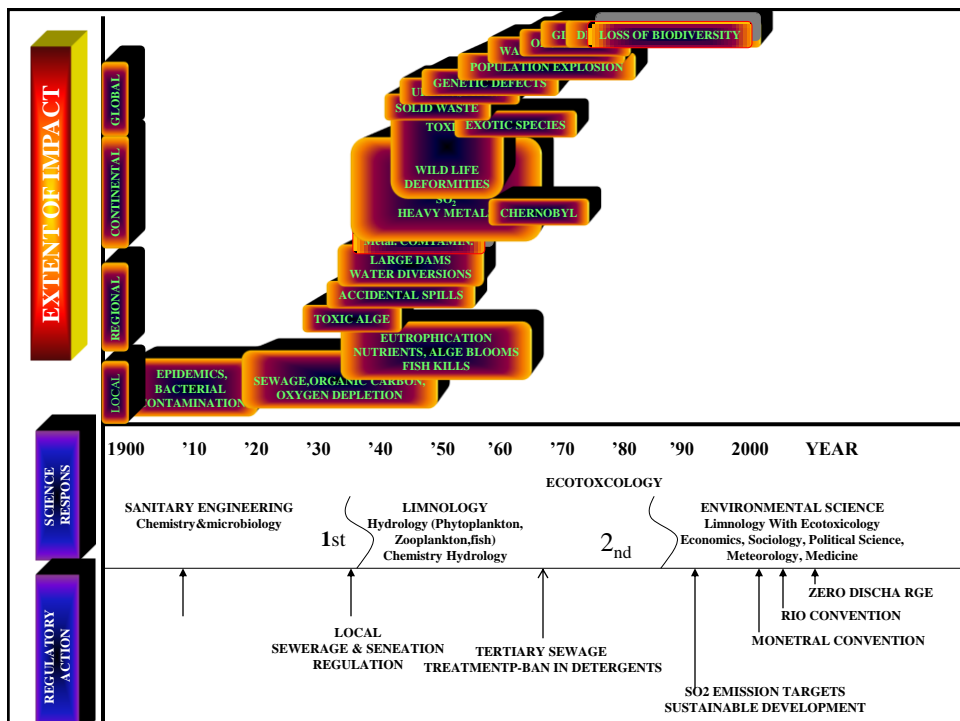
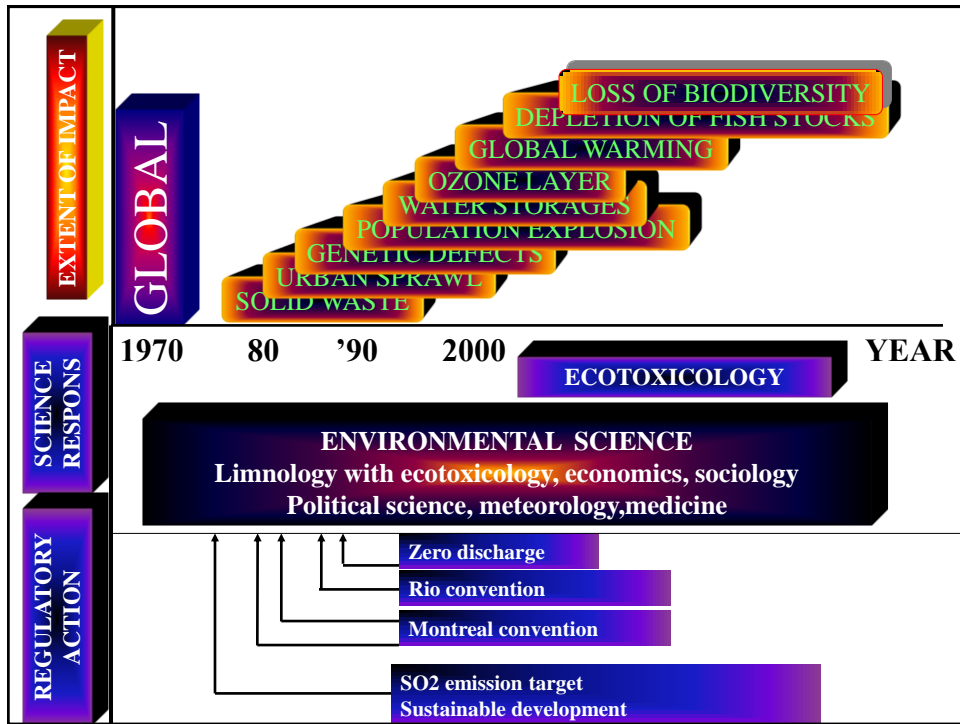
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## Environmental Science/Engineering/ Management Discipline

- **Multidisciplinary or Interdisciplinary**
  - Various disciplines of Science or Engineering or Management
- **Several Professions and Sectors**
  - Industry, Business, Academics and Research, Policy Making, Planning, Judiciary, Implementation/Administration, Journalism; Government/Semi government or Public/ Private Sector/NGOs
- **Preventive Activities, Control Activities, Remedial Activities → Resource Conservation, Sustainable Development; “End of the Pipe” Solutions; Regeneration**

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## Environmental Engineering and Management Programme

- **CE 602: Mathematics**
  - Basic Preparatory Course
- **EEM 602: Physicochemical Principles and Processes**
  - Fundamental Aspects of Physical, Chemical and Physicochemical Processes
- **EEM 603: Ecological and Biological Principles and Processes**
  - Fundamentals Aspects of Ecological and Biological Processes/Systems
- **EEM 606: Air Pollution and Its Control**
- **ECO 747: Principles of Environmental Economics and Management**

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## Terms .....

Environment,  
Ecology,  
Systems,  
Environmental Systems,  
Ecosystems

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## Environment

Aggregate of surrounding things,  
conditions or influences,  
especially as affecting or that affects  
the existence or development of  
someone or something  
[LIVING (*Biotic*)]  
or  
[NON LIVING (*Abiotic*)]

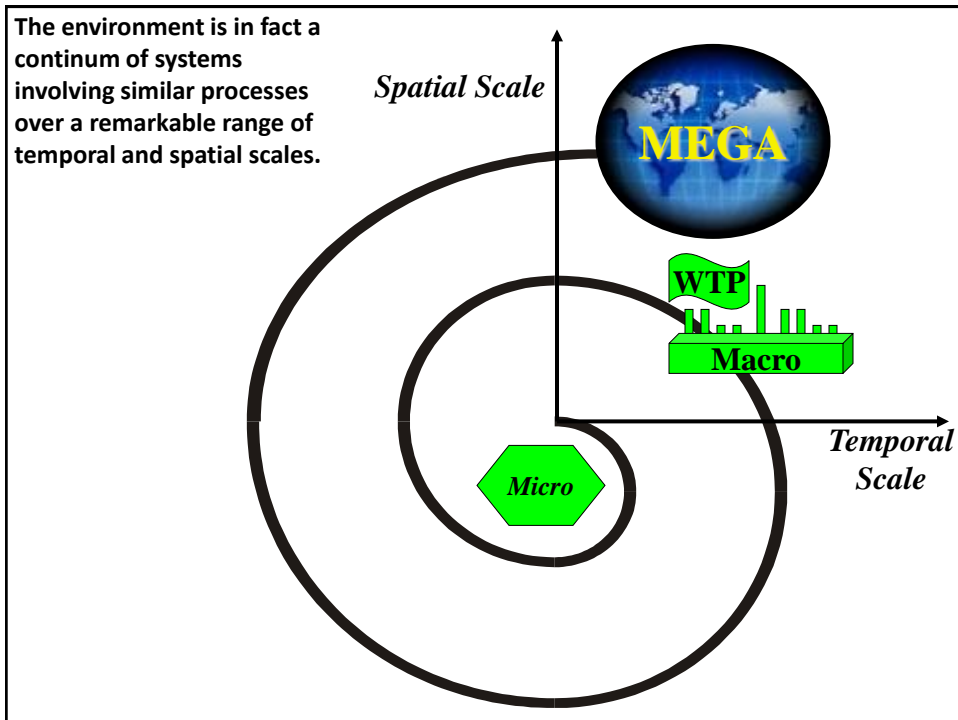
Hardware/ Software → Physical/Nonphysical

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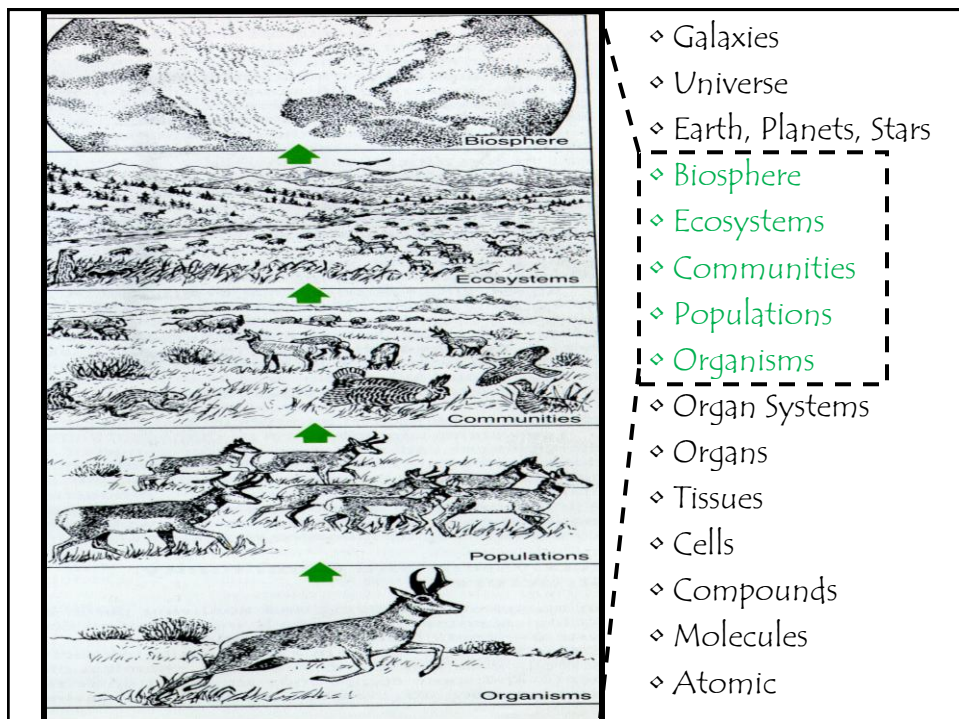
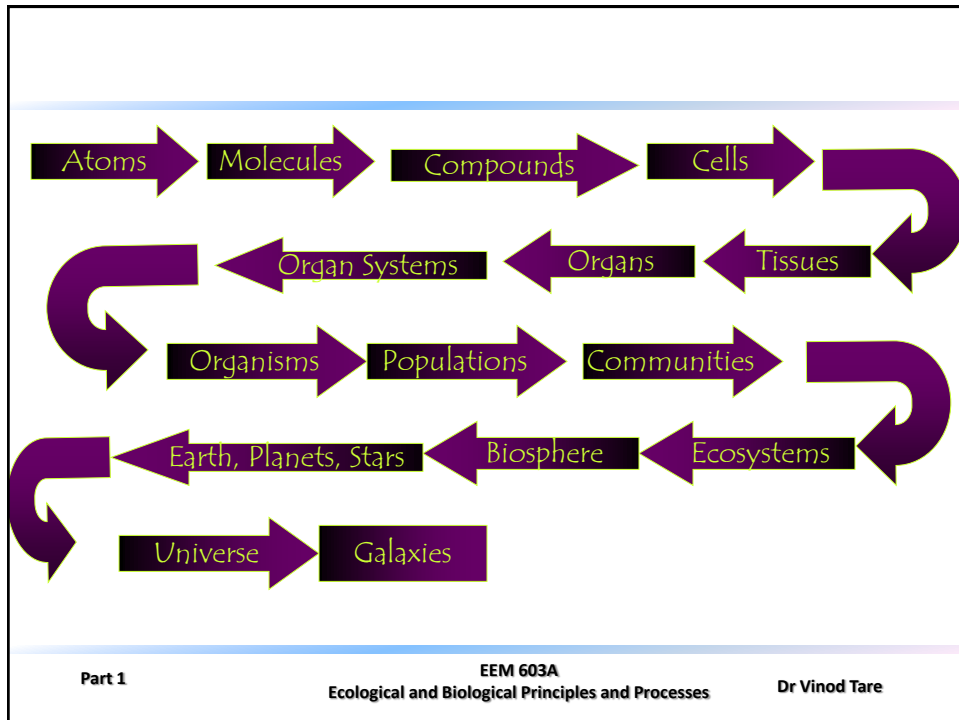




## Systems

Collection of objects bonded together in some way so that the collection is more than an independent assemblage of parts

Micro → Macro → Mega Levels (Depending Upon the Boundaries Chosen in a Particular Context)



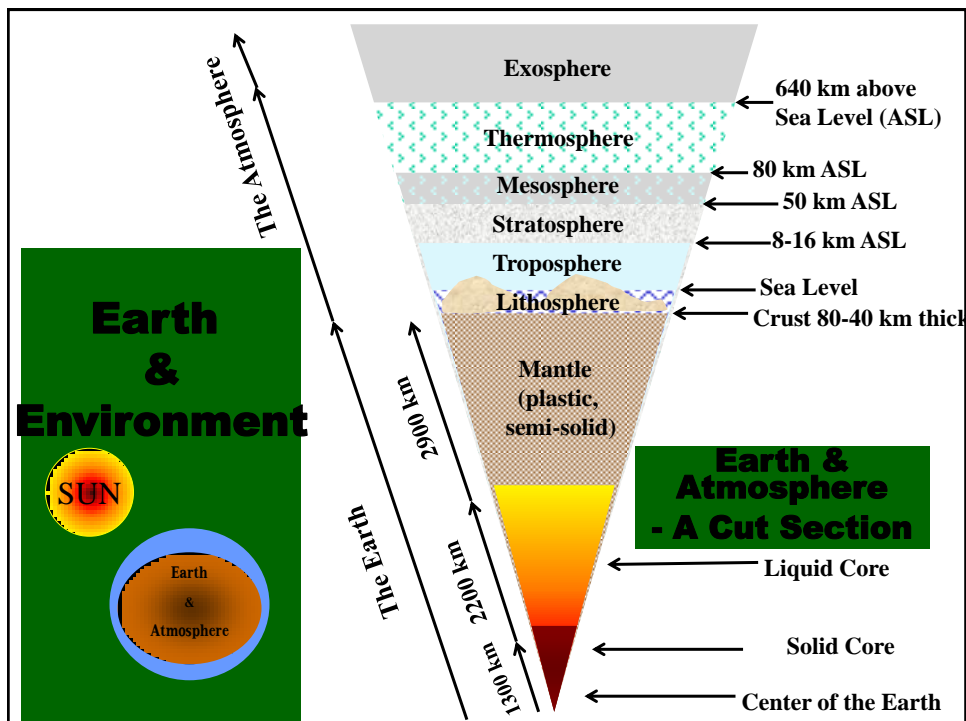
## Ecosystems

Objects consisting of Living  
(*Biotic Component*) as well as  
Non-living (*Abiotic Component*)  
entities

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## Environment is Complex

However, complexity relates more to innate scales and dimensions than to inherent concepts and principles

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**This premise serving as incentive, our approach to understanding and explaining the environment and its myriad systems and processes is to:**

- i) clearly enunciate concepts and related principles.
- ii) initiate analyses on scales at which the principles can be classified and applied rigorously.
- iii) use simple but accurate experimental and mathematical models to articulate those principles, and.
- iv) structure more elaborate models to integrate all relevant principles and thus facilitate their extension to the scale of any system or process of interest.

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## Chinese Proverb

*“To give a man a fish will feed him for a day, but to teach him to fish will feed him for a lifetime”*

In the same spirit, any one can solve a problem if given the correct algorithm, but it is the knowledge of how to use concepts and principles to construct correct algorithms that enables one to solve any problem

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## System Dynamics and Processes

**All physical, chemical and biological processes have two dominant characteristics by which they can be commonly identified and quantified**

- First → the amount of energy available to make them occur, and the
- Second → the speed or rate at which that energy is exercised to effect change

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## System Dynamics and Processes

### Depends on many things

- The numbers (masses) and the reactivities (or stabilities) of the “Energy Rich” and “Energy Poor” partners of a process
- Pathways available to these partners for effecting their interaction in the context of a given system

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## System Dynamics and Processes

### Specifically, all environmental processes depend upon

1. the availability of energy
2. the means of that energy to be exercised in the timeframe of interest, and
3. a system of such spatial and physical characteristics that it allows the reactant to “communicate” for purpose of reaction.

### These are the three tenets of environmental systems

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## System Dynamics and Processes

**For successful description and/or designs of such systems, these tenets must be**

1. understood on the basis of fundamental principles
2. represented rigorously in the functional forms, and
3. integrated accurately with the functional forms of other governing principles in appropriate system models

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## System Dynamics and Processes

**In complex systems, empiricism and judgment are required to bridge gaps in absolute knowledge**

- It is therefore often necessary that we make assumptions/idealizations in applying above tenets.
- If we understand the functions and constraints embodied in the principles involved, our assumptions will be rational.

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## Objective

To develop an appreciation of the identifying features and important characteristics of environmental systems and processes that must be factored into their analysis, modeling, and design.

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## Analysis Approach

- **System Models**
- **Models → tool to describe or represent an object or a process or a phenomenon**
- **Ways/Means**
  - *Physical*
  - *Mathematical*
- **Mathematical Models**
  - *Stochastic*
  - *Deterministic*
- **Approaches**
  - *Theoretical*
  - *Phenomenological*
- **Techniques/Tools → Formulation, solution, calibration, verification and simulation**
  - *Statistical*
  - *Optimization*

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# Environmental Systems

- **Broad Categories**

- *Natural*
- *Engineered*

- **Scales**

- *Spatial*
- *Temporal*

Let us first consider the similarities and differences between two broad categories of environmental systems, natural and engineered, and then address the temporal and spatial scales associated

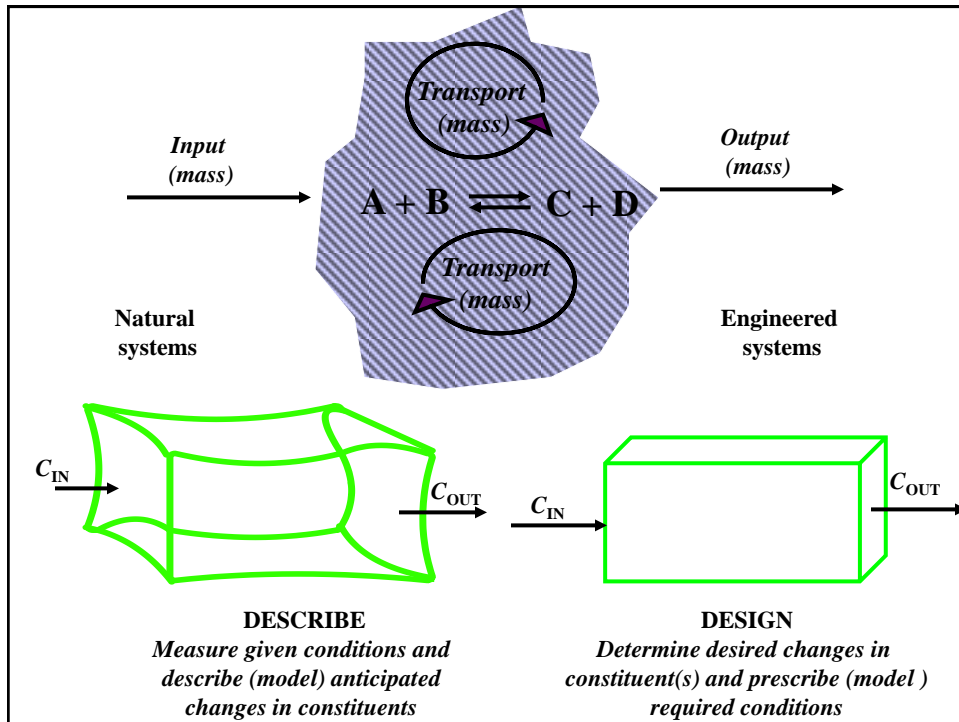
# Environmental Systems

- **Natural**

- We are concerned with understanding and describing changes

- **Engineered**

- We are concerned with the selection of conditions required to effectively accomplish specific changes



## Natural & Engineered Environmental Systems

- While the objectives, information requirements and expected results for natural and engineered systems are usually quite different, the underlying processes and principles of change are essentially the same. Similarly, the methods by which the processes are analyzed and described should be fundamentally the same.
- Successful approaches to system characterizations, process analyses, and quantification of components and constituent changes must in every instance, be based on the same principles and precepts of process dynamics.

## Character and Scale

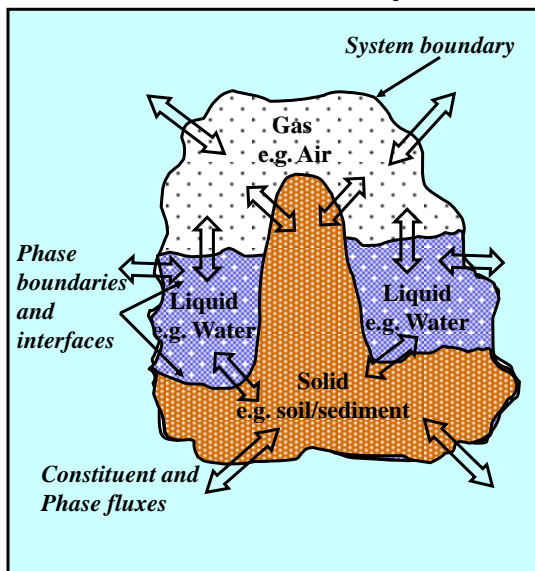
At the most elementary level we distinguish the character of a system on the basis of its scale. By character we mean the properties of a system and the nature of changes that occur within it. By scale we mean the size (spatial scale) of the system and the time (temporal scale) that together determine the boundaries within and over which the changes of interest occur

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## Generalized Multiphase System of Gaseous, Liquid and Solid Phases



It is important to note, however, that the composition of each phase depicted in figure above changes as a result of phase and constituent mass reductions and additions that may occur not only by reactions among constituents within the boundaries of phase, but also by movement of mass across its phase boundaries and accumulations or depletions within interfaces at those phase boundaries.

## Environmental Systems - Analysis Approach

- All systems are comprised by subsystems; mega-scale systems by macro-scale systems, and macro-scale systems by micro-scale systems. This is why many processes can be influenced at the macroscopic scale by similar microscopic mass transfer phenomenon.
- The most fundamental analysis of any system has its origins ultimately at the molecular level, and must provide that there is a continuity of principles derived from this scale to the full scale of the system.

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## Environmental Systems -Analysis Approach

- Any analysis of a process for purpose of description or design must couple descriptions of phenomena at the appropriate micro scale with those of phenomena at the macro scale or mega scales.
- It is essential that we appreciate the role of micro scale process dynamics and understand how to incorporate information on processes at this scale in the characterization, analysis, interpretation, and design of environmental macro scale systems.

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